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For (Title): ELECTRONIC CAMERA

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By (Inventors):

Formal drawings (Figs. 1-3; 3 sheets) are attached. Use Figure for front page of Publication.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith. This patent application is assigned to NIKON CORPORATION.

The executed Assignment is filed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith. Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence –This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. ______, filed ______--

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Priority of foreign application No. 2001-012064 filed January 19, 2001 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).

A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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